

# Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children




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## Arizona State Council on Educational Opportunity For Military Children

# Compact Overview

- ▶ Goal: replace widely varying policies with consistent policy in every school/state
  - ▶ Addresses key transition issues
    - Enrollment
    - Placement & Attendance
    - Eligibility
    - Graduation
  - ▶ Note: public schools only
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# Purpose of Briefing

- ▶ Inform State Council
  - What Compact does and does not cover
- ▶ Clarify State Council Role in MIC3 Compact

# Major Points

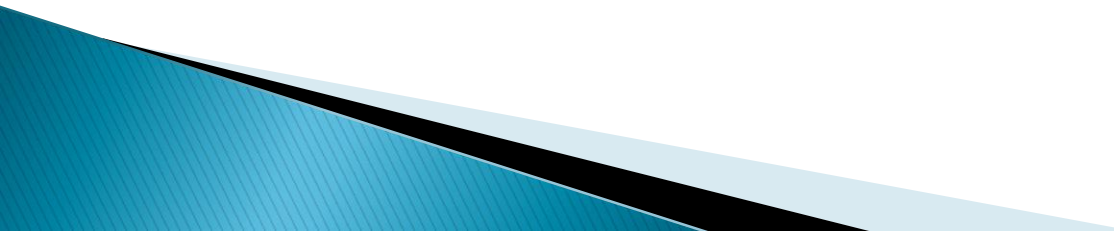
- ▶ Compact designed to resolve recognized education transition issues
- ▶ Not intended to impact curriculum or local standards
  - Recognizes responsibility of states and local education agencies (LEAs)

# Background and Status

- ▶ Developed by DoD – The Council of State Governments assisted
- ▶ Input/assistance from many
- ▶ 43 states as of June, 2012
- ▶ Governing Commission first meeting Oct '08
- ▶ States establishing Councils
  - Rules & Executive Committees meeting since 2009
  - Compliance, Finance, & Training Committees began 2010

Process is on track but will take time to be fully operational

# Compact Content

- ▶ Article I – Purpose
  - ▶ Article II – Definitions
  - ▶ Article III – Applicability
  - ▶ **Article IV – Enrollment**
  - ▶ **Article V – Placement and Attendance**
  - ▶ **Article VI – Eligibility**
  - ▶ **Article VII – Graduation**
  - ▶ Article VIII – State Coordination
  - ▶ Article IX – Interstate Commission
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# ENROLLMENT

## Educational Records

### What's included:

- Unofficial records
- Use to enroll and place student
- Sending school responds to request within 10 days

### What's not covered:

- ▶ Right to request copy of every paper in file
- ▶ Receiving unofficial records for free





# Immunizations

## What's included:

- ▶ 30 days from enrollment to get immunizations
- ▶ A series must be started within 30 days

## What's not covered:

- ▶ **TB testing:** a test not immunization; may be required



# Kindergarten & First Grade Entrance Age

## What's included:

- ▶ Continue in same grade regardless of entrance age if already enrolled and has attended at least one day in K or 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- ▶ May go to next grade regardless of age requirements

## What's not covered:

- ▶ Student not enrolled in K even though eligible

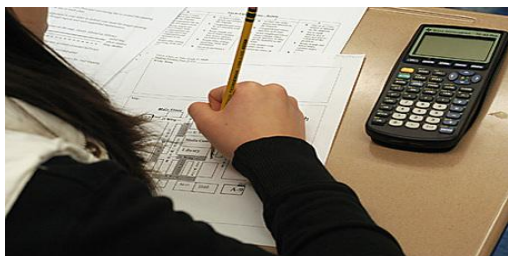


# PLACEMENT & ATTENDANCE

## Course/Program Placement

### What's included:

- ▶ Place in courses/programs based on prior enrollment
- ▶ Receiving state *may* subsequently evaluate student



### What's not covered:

- ▶ Guarantee of continued enrollment if not qualified
- ▶ No requirement to create a course or additional space

# Special Education Services

## What's included:

- ▶ Initially same services identified in sending state IEP
- ▶ Receiving state *may* subsequently evaluate student

## What's not covered:

- ▶ Provide exact programs as sending state
- ▶ Anything above IDEA requirements



# Placement Flexibility

## What's included:

- Flexibility to waive prerequisites if similar course completed elsewhere

## What's not covered:

- ▶ Mandatory waivers of prerequisites/preconditions





# Absence Related to Deployment

## What's included:

- ▶ Flexibility for excused absences due to deployment

Deployment window =  
1 month before  
departure through 6  
months after return



## What's not covered:

- ▶ More than “reasonable accommodation”

Provides discretion to schools during state testing or if student already missed too much school

# ELIGIBILITY For Enrollment

## What's included:

- Cannot charge tuition if child placement due to deployment
- Can continue at current school even if living with others
- Power of attorney sufficient

## What's not covered:

- ▶ Situations other than during deployment (e.g., not for PCS)



# For Extracurricular Participation

## What's included:

- ▶ Schools facilitate *opportunity* regardless of deadlines as long as otherwise qualified



## What's not covered:

- ▶ State athletic associations
- ▶ No requirement to hold open or create additional spaces





# GRADUATION

## What's included:

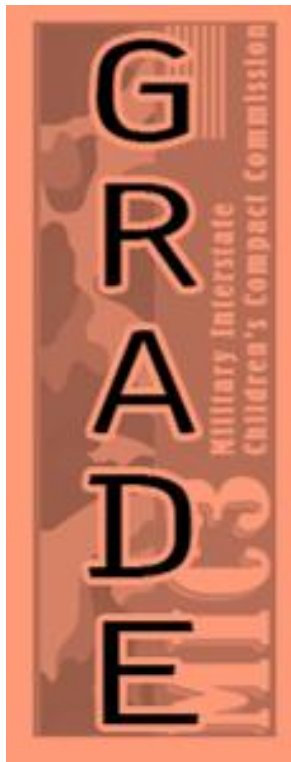
- ▶ Waiving required courses
- ▶ Flexibility to accept alternatives for graduation tests
- ▶ Receive diploma from sending school if no time to meet new requirements
- ▶ If waiver not granted and student would have qualified to graduate, receiving school provide alternatives so graduation is on time

## What's not covered:

- ▶ Mandatory waivers....but schools must show good cause for denial
- ▶ Mandatory waiver of exams or acceptance of alternatives
- ▶ Right of parents to request change of graduation requirements



# **Our Schools Make the**



**Graduation on time**

**Registration and Enrollment**

**Attendance**

**Determination of Placement**

**Eligibility for Activities**



- Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission  
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